before 30th June, 1993 relating to deposits held by them as on March 31, 1993 to the respective regional offices; and

(b) if so, what is the number of companies that have complied with this direction, company-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they have in a press release issued on May 31, 1993 advised all non-banking financial companies, miscellaneous non-banking companies are residuary non-banking companies to submit by June 30, 1993 their annual returns relating to deposits held by them as on March 31, 1993 to the respective regional offices of Department of Financial Companies, RBI.

(b) So far returns have been received by the regional offices of RBI from 26 residuary non-banking companies and 9466 other financial companies.

हथकरघा क्षेत्र को संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में शामिल किया जाना

*220. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार हथकरघा क्षेत्र को संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) सरकार का यह मत है कि इस समय हथकरघा (उत्पादन के लिए आरक्षित मद) अधिनियम- 1985 को भारत के संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने से हथकरघा क्षेत्र को कोई विशेष लाभ नहीं होगा ।

New Policy on STD Payphones

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SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new policy on STD payphones has been announced as reported in the Hindustan Times of 25th July 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof and objectives to be achieved through this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A new policy on STD Payphones has been issued vide Department of Telecommunications Memo No. 31-13/91-PHB on 24th July, 1993 and is placed on the Table of the House as Statement.

Statement

Copy of Letter No. 31-13/91-PHB Dated 24th July 1993 Issued by Department of Telecommunications to All Chief General Managers Telecom/Telephone M.T.N.L. Delhi and Bombay.

Subject: Review of Policy on STD PCOs.

Under the orders of Hon'ble Minister of State (C), the liberalised policy of allotment of STD Payphones enumerated in our office Memo No. 31-13/91-PHB dated 14-8-92 has been reviewed with a view to provide greater employment opportunities to educated unemployed. The following guidelines are issued for implementation with immediate effect.